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SUBJ: CSCE: UK-SOVIET BILATERALS ON CBM PARAMETERS AND ON UK
TEXT FOR FINAL DOCUMENTS

REF: A. GENEVA 4782; NOTAL; B. GENEVA 4951; NOTAL

1. IN LIGHT OF HESITATIONS OF SEVERAL ALLIES AS REPORTED REFTEL
A, UK PERMREP HILDYARD HAS TO DATE ONLY TOLD SOVIETS THAT ALLIES
STAND WITH NEUTRALS ON PARAMETERS OF 300 KMS., 25,000 MEN, AND 21
DAYS, AND THAT THERE ARE STILL RESERVATIONS AMONG ALLIES ABOUT
"VOLUNTARY BASIS" TEXT IN ANY FORM.

2. HOWEVER, HILDYARD REQUESTED IN CHIEFS OF DELS MEETING ON JUNE
24 THAT ALL ALLIES REFLECT ON NEW SOVIET OFFER IN REFTEL B, AND
THAT HE BE GIVEN LEEWAY BY OTHERS AT NEXT CHIEFS OF DELS MEETING
(MORNING OF JUNE 26) TO COME DOWN TO 275 KMS. AND TO NEGOTIATE
AMENDMENTS TO "VOLUNTARY BASIS" TEXT, IF SOVIETS WILL ACCEPT SWE-
DISH AREA TEXT AND COUNT AMPHIBIOUS AND AIRBORNE TROOPS WITHIN
THRESHOLD FOR COMBINED MANEUVERS.

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3. UK NOW BELIEVES FRG CAN IN THE END ACCEPT LESS THAN 300 KMS., AND THAT OTHER ALLIES WILL FOLLOW FRG LEAD ON AREA. AS FOR DUTCH RESERVATION ON "VOLUNTARY BASIS", EXPERTS CAUCUS HAS REACHED TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING THAT UK CAN PROCEED ON BEHALF OF ALLIED MAJORITY ON BASIS OF ITS OWN TEXT, AND THAT DUTCH WILL INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS IN FORMAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AFTER UK TEXT IS TABLED, IF THEY CHOOSE TO PURSUE THIS POINT FOR THE RECORD.

4. IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, HILDYARD PLANS TO RESUME BILATERAL EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS ON PARAMETERS AFTER COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 26. HILDYARD WILL ALSO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF FULL TEXT FOR FINAL DOCUMENTS, USING ALLIED CONSENSUS DRAFT WORKED OUT ON JUNE 24 (FULL TEXT SEPTTEL).DALE

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